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MOTOR VEHICLE ROOF**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. These references were first submitted in the specification as filed. In the Office Action mailed September 15, 2008, the Examiner requested that the references be submitted in a separate IDS statement. The fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the relevance of the non-English references as presently understood by the undersigned attorney, based upon the English abstracts and the drawings, are as follows:

EP1046528 (A1) to Leona appears to disclose an open roof construction for a vehicle having an opening (2) in its fixed roof (1). A panel (3) is provided for selectively closing or at least partially opening the roof opening. An operating mechanism (4) for the panel comprises a plate-shaped link (7), which is connected to the panel at the location of at least one point of attachment via an at least substantially vertical lip (9,10) on the underside of the panel (3). The link (7) and the lip (9,10) are provided with a hole (2) for

allowing passage of a fixing element (23) therethrough. The link (7) includes two plate members (12,13) at least at the location of the point of attachment, between which the lip (9,10) of the closure element is accommodated

DE 10134439 (A1) to Dichtl appears to disclose a pivotable rod (10) for an opening roof, especially for a convertible motor vehicle. At least a part of the rod is constructed as a hollow element formed from a semi-finished product by means of an internal high pressure forming process. The rod may be made from steel or aluminum. The semi-finished product may be tubes or welded sheet sections. The rod has side penetrations (20) made during the forming process and penetrate both sides. In the regions where higher strength is required the rod has a double thickness wall. A procedure is provided for the manufacture of a pivotable link for especially an opening roof of a convertible motor vehicle using an internal high pressure forming process to shape a semi-finished product.

While this Statement is being filed in compliance with the duty of disclosure, citation of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that any of the references are "material" as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Form PTO/SB/08A is included herewith. Consideration and entry into the record of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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